GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:388
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2006
SURVEY REGARDING SUBCRIBER DATA BASE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Department of Telecommunications on the subscriber data base of leading telephone operators;

(b) if so, the details of the findings thereof alongwith the verified share of pre-paid and post-paid subscribers; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Department for ensuring that the subscriber data base claimed by the operators is not manipulated?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 388 FOR 23RD AUGUST, 2006 REGARDING SURVEY REGARDING SUBSCRIBER DATA BASE.

(a) Yes, Sir. Department of Telecommunications (DoT) carried out checks in the cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad and the State of Haryana regarding subscriber verification.

(b) & (c) It was observed that all the service providers in these places did not fully comply with the extant instructions on subscriber verification.In the samples checked, it was observed that in pre-paid subscribers about 60% and in post-paid subscribers about 93% were fully meeting the requirement of subscriber verification.

Notices have been issued to concerned service providers in the above areas to disconnect such connections that have been provided without proper verification and also to explain why action should not be taken against them for not complying with the terms and conditions of the Licence Agreement.